

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 were pending in this application. Claims 22-25 are added by this amendment. Claims 1, 9, 15, and 17 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claim 18 is indicated as allowable if amended to be in independent form including limitations of a base and intervening claims. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication and accordingly submit Claim 17, which is originally dependent Claim 18, written in independent form. Further, the subject matter indicated as allowable in Claim 18 has been incorporated into independent Claims 1, 9, and 15. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 9, 15, and 17 are allowable and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Claims 2-6, 11, and 18-25 respectively depend from one of Claims 1, 9, 15, and 17 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims. Accordingly, separate

consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due for entrance of the accompanying amendment. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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